

**MINUTES
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 9, 2021**

Meeting conducted via Zoom video conferencing. Handouts were emailed November 5, 2021 to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting and (3) WRATS Project Status Report.

Chairman Randy Toms called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Jessica Bird
Tom Caiafa

Randy Toms
Greg Boike

Tiffany Bibb
Bryan Wood

Radney Simpson

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A motion was made by Mr. Bryan Wood and seconded by Mr. Greg Boike to approve the August 12, 2021 minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Discussion

Ms. Jessica Bird used a PowerPoint presentation to share information and encourage discussion on bicycle and pedestrian safety. She described aspects of the WRATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan, state bike routes, and pedestrian facilities within the MPO. Ms. Bird explained that the City of Warner Robins uses a matrix with weighted criteria to evaluate sidewalk requests. Ms. Bird continued her presentation by providing information on bicycle and pedestrian education, GDOT best practices for stranded motorists on the interstate, and HERO and CHAMP support through 511. She wrapped up with tables and location maps showing bicycle and pedestrian crashes, injuries, and fatalities from 2016 through 2020 in Houston and Peach Counties.

Mr. Bryan Wood with the City of Perry shared they are working to improve connectivity in their area by adding sidewalk improvements/requirements to the comprehensive plan and subdivision regulations. Mr. Wood offered to forward such information to Ms. Jessica Bird. Ms. Bird stated she would be interested in reviewing it.

Update on WRATS Project Status Report

Ms. Jessica Bird explained that GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Coordinator, Mr. Harland Smith, could not make the meeting, but provided this project report in advance. The report includes project manager comments and Ms. Bird briefly reported on most of the projects.

Mr. Bryan Wood asked if any additional right-of-way was acquired for Project Count 15: SR 247 Spur at SR 247. Ms. Jessica Bird said she would forward his question to Mr. Harland Smith for an answer.

Ms. Jessica Bird announced the next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022 and the City of Centerville Mayor, John Harley, will be the new PC Chairman. Ms. Bird explained that Mayor Harley will decide where the PC meetings are held. She also said she is working on conducting the WRATS meetings in 2022 with a hybrid format after receiving a request from GDOT.

There being no further business, Ms. Tiffany Bibb made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Radney Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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